Third Member of Council.—

There are a few such cases.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

With reference to answer to Part 1 what is the reason why four persons were allowed to remain in the same place in the Eastern Division and only one in the Western Division?

Third Member of Council.—

There may be various reasons. But it was not a special concession shown to them. It was purely a matter of accident.

MR. K. V. VEERANNA (Chamarajnagar Taluk) and MR. JUNJAPPA *alias* PUTTASWAMY (Malvalli Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether they are aware of the dilapidated condition of certain valuable temples under Muzrai management?

(2) If so, is it not a loss to Government not to get them repaired?

(3) If so, why not repair the following temples:—

(*a*) *Bhujangeswara* Temple, Ummathur, Chamarajnagar Taluk,

(*b*) *Ranganathaswamy* Temple, Chamarajnagar Taluk,

(*c*) *Veerabhadraswamy* Temple of *Guddada Mutt*?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—16. (1) Some temples require repairs.

(2) Repair works are being carried out so far as funds permit.

(3) Action has already been taken or is being taken about the repairs of these temples.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. K. V. Veeranna.—

Will Government give me information about the financial condition of the Bujangeswara Temple?

Second Member of Council.—

This is a minor temple with a balance of only Rs. 10-10-5 to its credit.

Mr. Veeranna.—

In view of the fact that it is an ancient temple, cannot the funds of some other temple be at least diverted for the purpose of repairing it?

Second Member of Council.—

If possible, it can be done.

Mr. Veeranna.—

Are Government aware that this temple belongs to the Chamarajnagar temple and that all the income goes to the latter, and as such the former has no funds of its own?

Second Member of Council.—

The whole matter is under enquiry and if the course suggested is practicable it will be considered.

Mr. Veerasanjiva Gowda.—

Has not the Ravaneswara Temple in Closepet Taluk sufficient funds of its own? And is it not in a dilapidated condition for years together?

Second Member of Council.—

The matter will be inquired into.

Mr. M. S. Linge Gowda.—

Will not ancient temples go to ruin if they are not restored merely for the reason that they have no funds of their own?

Second Member of Council.—

Government are granting a sum of Rs. 10,000 every year for such purposes and a like sum is also allotted from the General Muzrai Fund. It is not possible to repair all the temples with the available funds.

Mr. M. S. Linge Gowda.—

In such cases, if the devotees offer to restore the temple, why should not permission be given and full powers vested in such devotees?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no objection to permit devotees to carry out such works.

Mr. Venkataswami Gowda.—

With reference to the first part of the question, will Government state which of the temples are valuable and which are not?

No answer.

Another Member —

Will Government restore all the temples which have cash balances to their credit?

Second Member of Council.—

Such cases present no difficulty.

Mr. Pattabhirama Setty.—

In view of the fact that the non-restoration of many temples is being brought to notice repeatedly in the Assembly, will Government be pleased to set apart for the purpose at least a portion of the savings in the Subsidy?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no such saving.

Mr. Pattabhirama Setty.—

Is Government prepared to increase the allotment for the repair of temples?

Second Member of Council.—

Will be considered.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—

Cannot Government order urgent repair being done to the Kurudamale Temple which is very ancient?

Third Member of Council.—

To what extent will the devotees contribute for the purpose?

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—

They will contribute materially.

Third Member of Council.—

If so, the case will be considered.

Mr. M. Ramaswamy.—

Why not Government themselves fix a programme of restoration of temples with reference to the money available?

Second Member of Council.—

If the Dharmadarsies of their temples urge for restoration, it would be a better arrangement.

Another Member.—

If the Dharmadarsies will not do so for various reasons, will not the temples suffer?

Second Member of Council.—

If not Dharmadarsies, the devotees may bring such cases to the notice of Government, and if the institutions have sufficient balances to their credit, arrangements can be made for carrying out the necessary repairs.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

Statement of the general principles of a Bill to provide for the payment by certain classes of employers to their workmen of compensation for injury by accident.

THE LEGAL REMEMBRANCER explained the main principles to the following effect:—

The development of industries in the State in recent years has led to the use of machinery on a large scale and to the employment in mills, factories and other industrial concerns of a large number of workmen, who are exposed to